

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The following paragraph, which was inserted before the first line of the specification in Preliminary Amendment "D" mailed April 3, 2007, has been amended as follows:

This application is a Continuation application of copending prior-filed International (designating the United States) Application No. PCT/JP02/10129 filed on September 27, 2002, which claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application 2001-305581 filed on October 1, 2002 2001 from which priority is claimed ~~and which is hereby incorporated by reference.~~

The following paragraph, which was added after the Title of the Invention Section in page 1 of the application in Preliminary Amendment mailed August 23, 2004, has been amended as followed:

~~This application claims priority of Japanese Patent Application 2001-305581 filed October 1, 2001 and PCT Patent Application No. PCT/JP02/10129 filed on September 27, 2002.~~